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C O N F I D E N T I A L JIDDA 6127

CNO FOR ADM HOLLOWAY

E.O.: 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: VISIT OF ADMIRAL HOLLOWAY TO SAUDI ARABIA

1. I VERY MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR DESIRE TO VISIT SAUDI ARABIA AND FEEL SUCH A VISIT COULD DO MUCH TO ENHANCE OUR EFFORTS HERE WITH SNEP AND THE OTHER MILITARY PROGRAMS.
2. ON OCTOBER 30, HOWEVER, THE FIRST MEETINGS OF THE WORKING GROUPS OF THE JOINT SAUDI-US SECURITY COMMISSION WILL BE HELD. THESE WILL CONTINUE UNTIL ABOUT 9 NOVEMBER WHEN SECRETARY ELLSWORTH WILL ARRIVE TO CONDUCT A REVIEW OF THE OVERALL SAUDI SECURITY SITUATION.
3. I AM CONCERNED THAT SHOULD AN AMERICAN OFFICIAL WITH THE PRESTIGE OF THE CNO ARRIVE IN COUNTRY DURING THAT PERIOD IT WOULD TEND TO OVER-SHADOW THE WORKING GROUPS AND DENIGRATE THE IMPACT OF THE COMMISSION.

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4. BECAUSE OF THIS, AND THE FACT THAT SECRETARY MIDDENDORF

WAS HERE AS LATE AS SEPTEMBER 10, I WOULD STRONGLY PREFER YOUR VISIT TAKE PLACE AFTER THE FIRST OF THE YEAR, PERHAPS IN FEBRUARY OR MARCH. ITS IMPACT AT THAT TIME WOULD BE GREATER, AND WE AND THE SAUDI SIDE WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO MAKE THE VISIT MUCH MORE PRODUCTIVE.

5. IF IT IS NOT POSSIBLE TO SCHEDULE A LATER VISIT, I PROPOSE THAT YOU ARRIVE JIDDA ON THE LATE AFTERNOON OF FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1, AND PLAN ON MEETING WITH ME THAT EVENING. WE WILL TRY TO ARRANGE A COURTESY CALL ON THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE, PRINCE SULTAN, IN RIYADH THE FOLLOWING DAY.
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